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CZECHOSLOVAK EDUCATORS LEAVE FOR USSR

On 20 May 1953, a group of prominent Czechoslovak educators left for the USSR, where they will study the school system, and the organization of the Ministry of Culture USSR. The educators will also visit various institutes of higher learning and familiarize themselves with the work of the Academy of Pedagogical Sciences, and the result of Soviet experiences. Then, they may apply what they have learned to building up the Czechoslovak school system in accordance with the new educational law and may develop additional schools of higher learning.

The educators were divided into two delegations. Ernest Sykora, Minister of Education and Enlightenment, led the following group: Dr Josef Novotny and Dr Vaclav Kristek, deputies to the minister; Karel Stancl and Jura Popovnak, employees of the ministry; Dr Bohumir Kujal, director of the Pedagogical Research Institute; Jan Kotec, representative of the Commissioner of Education and Enlightenment in Bratislava; and Bohumil Mucha, director of the Department of Schools, Science, and Culture in the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party.

The second delegation consisted of Ladislav Stoll, Minister of Higher Education; Prof Engr Dr Vilibald Bezdicek and Dr Karol Bedrna, deputies to the minister; Dr Marie Riedlova and Engr Petr Feifr, directors of the chief administration of the ministry; Emil Krejci, chairman of the secretariat; Dr Ladislav Schubert, Authorized Representative of the Schools of Higher Learning in Slovakia; and Dr Ludek Holubec, member of the Department of Schools, Culture, and Art (probably the same department referred to above) of the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party.

The educators were escorted to the Ruzyně Airfield by Vaclav Hendrych and Edislaw Burival, deputies to the Minister of Education and Enlightenment; Dr Frantisek Kahuda, deputy to the Minister of Higher Education; N. I. Semenov, secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Prague, and others.

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Upon their arrival in Moscow, the Czechoslovak educators were greeted at the Vnukov Airfield by V. N. Stoletov, Deputy Minister of Culture, USSR, V. P. Yelyutin, director of the Main Administration of Higher Educational Institutions, Ministry of Culture USSR; Jaromir Vosahlik, Czechoslovak Ambassador to the USSR; and other members of the embassy.

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